

House Resolution No. 4550

Whereas, the former Dodie Gates LeVee was born on September 13, 1927, into the family of Clarence H. and Ruth Gates LeVee of Poughkeepsie, New York; and

Whereas, on Saturday, September 15, 2007, Dodie Maurer of Belton, Missouri, will observe her Eightieth Birthday with a festive gathering of family members and friends; and

Whereas, Dodie Maurer is the wife of Joseph J. Maurer, now deceased, whom she married on May 25, 1951; and

Whereas, the marital union of Dodie and Joseph Maurer has been blessed with the love and affection of their children, Michele White, Kathy Muder, Mary-Jo Brackett, Ed Maurer, and Patti Ledford, and their ten grandchildren; and

Whereas, Dodie and Joseph Maurer moved to Belton in 1963 to become owners of the Belton Star-Herald, a professional calling that Dodie maintained for two years after her husband's death in 1985; and

Whereas, no stranger to honors and accolades, Dodie Maurer received the 2006 Belton Community Service Award from Commerce Bank, was named the Belton Lions Club Woman of the Year in 1982 and the Chamber Business Person of the Year in 1986, won the Earl Houghland Award for community service in 1995, was the Belton recipient of the Missouri Municipal League's Civic Leadership Award in 1999, and donated a \$10,000 grant from William T. Kemper and Commerce Bancshares Foundations to the Belton Educational Foundation; and

Whereas, Dodie Maurer was elected to the Belton School Board in 1989 and has been active in the Belton Chamber of Commerce, Belton Historical Society, Daughters of the American Revolution, United Way, Research Belton Hospital, Belton Education Foundation, Belton Community Projects, and several Belton educational committees:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to convey a heartfelt "Happy Birthday" to Dodie LeVee as she looks back on her eighty years of life and to express this legislative body's best wishes for many more years of success and happiness in the future; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dodie Maurer of Belton, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Brian Baker
District No. 123

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 4550, adopted August 23, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker